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ON THE FRONT: Gavin O'Brien at gig of the year. Inset-Jeff Phillips on worst ramp of the year. For the rest of the year, turn to page three. Thank you.

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1984 A LOOK BACK

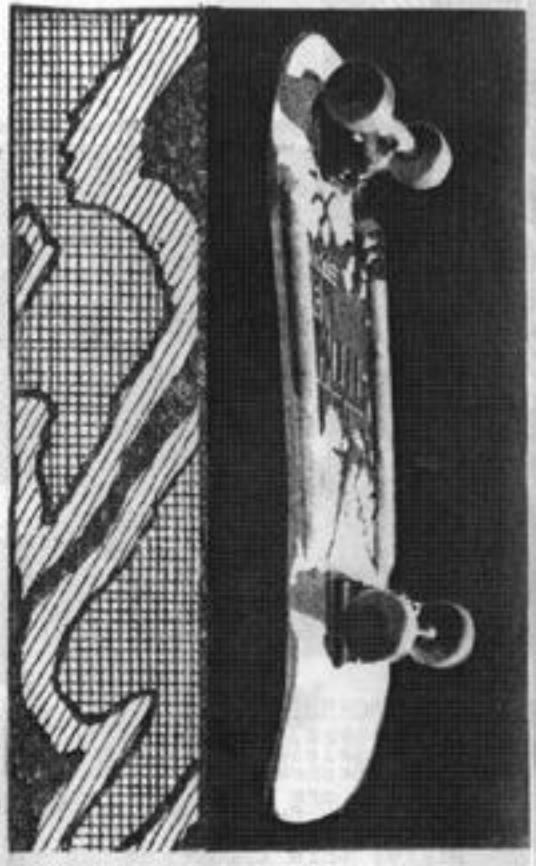
RETROSPECT

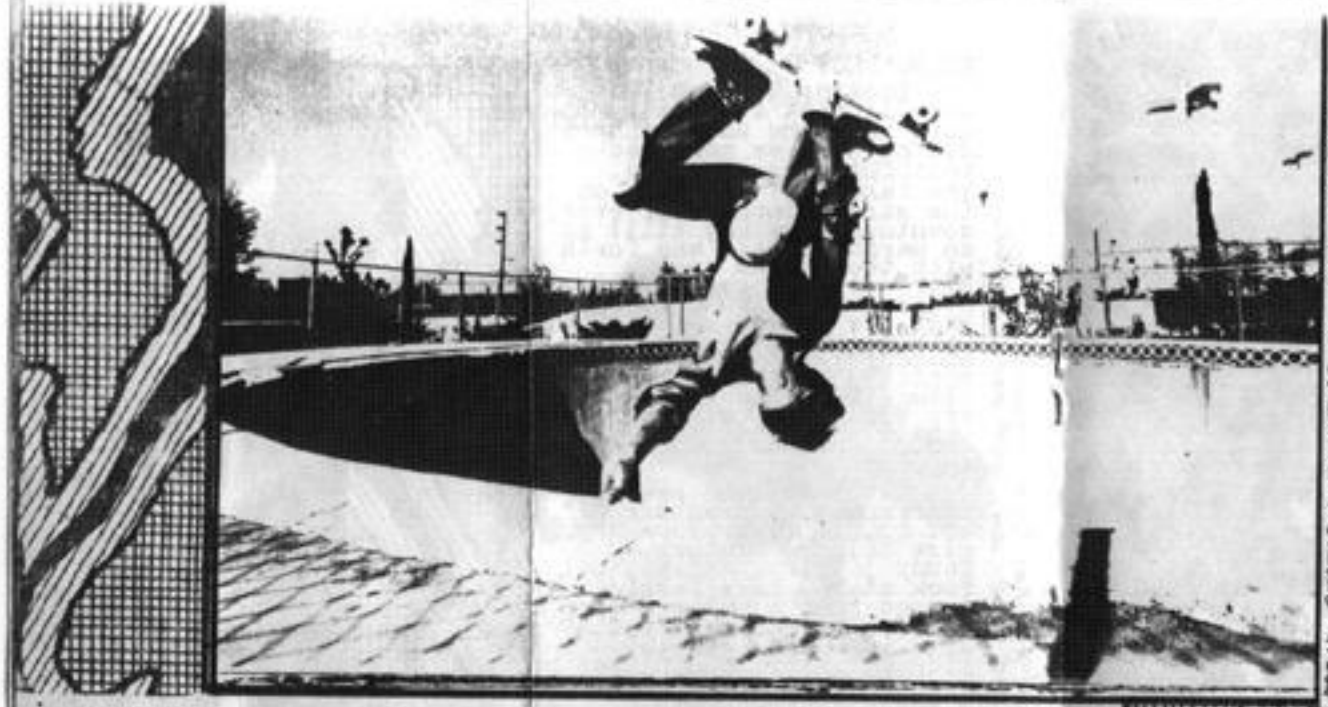
Looking back on 1984 we will most obviously note that the world indeed did not end, as many had so faithfully prophesized. The fanatical exposers on the street corners of every downtown area may still go on marching back and forth with their "the end is near" signs forever while others simply sit and wait. Wait for something, doing nothing. Still others will of course put themselves mentally in another place altogether. And skateboarders will just not stand still.

POP ART

The year 1984 saw the emergence, among other things, of ridiculous day glow colored clothes, tawdy jewelry, and pop-out rock stars. Mass fashion turned into a watered-down version of punk rock, with kids in bondage pants, flannel shirts and florescent socks marking anarchy symbols on the walls of their $200,000 split-level homes. Suggestive blow-job commercials ran rampant on nationwide television. Everybody and their brother got dyed hair, ear rings and leather jackets. So what was your excuse? Watch 20 hours of MTV? Join or die? Be a walking satire?

LEFT - ADVENTURE OF THE YEAR - JEFF GROSS.
RIGHT - DEATH OF THE YEAR - SKIN. JEFF PHILLIPS MODEL.





BODY ARTIST INVESTIGATES CLOSED PARK OF THE YEAR, COLTON, ERIC HASH, CONSIDERS SOMETHING BAD.

SKATEBOARDING

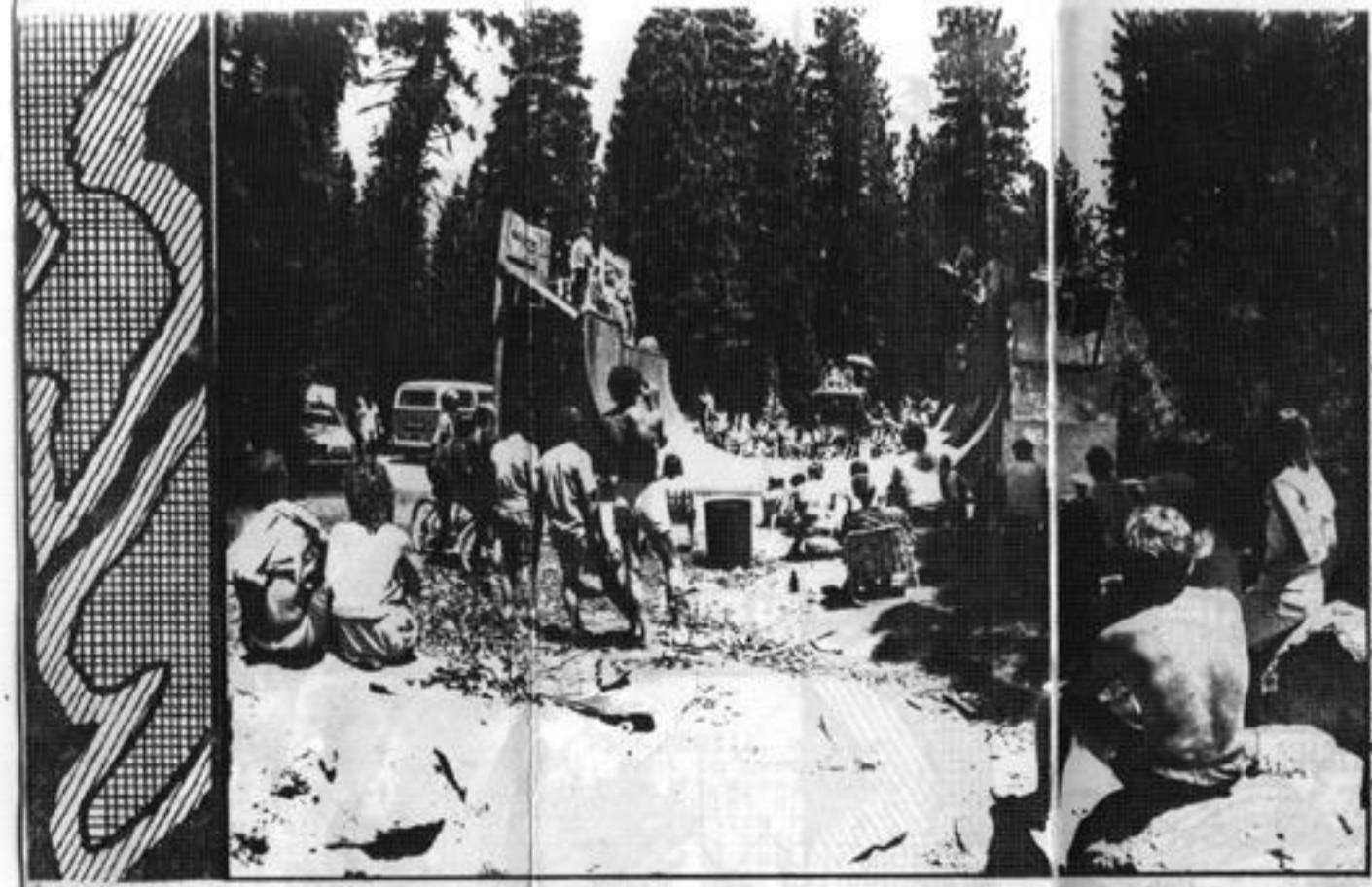
Board, truck, and wheel sales went for up. Some flashed back to the '77-'78 era of over-oppulence for clarification. It may not have been bigger this time at bat, but it was certainly much better, with just a small pinch of fast-buck clowns peeling the lint up off the floor. Everyone and their cousin got a model, as a deck template revolution (fish shapes) spread to the farthest, darkest corners of the shops of each manufacturer. What comes around, goes around. This age-old cliche is particularly true when applied to the highly exploitive, imitative realm of design, manufacture, business and sales.

The actual act of skateboarding itself reached an almost unthought of level by mid-year '84. Tony Hawk, operating his ample out of the Del Mar facility, had by this time established himself as the figure of all jealousy. His mistakelessly timed airborne acts and command ollie airs astounded many onlookers and enraged the egos of more than a few of his peers.

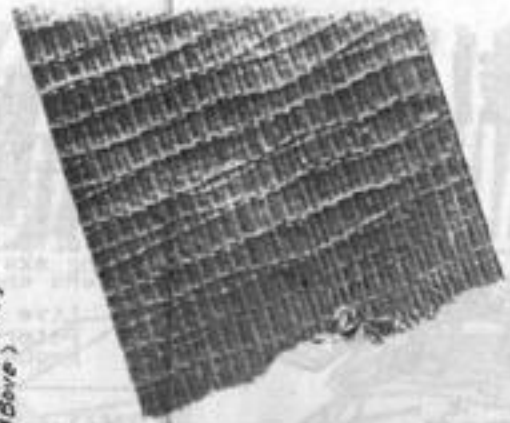
Mike McGill, at one point, went to Sweden, and, realizing the speed/launch/safety potential of the new larger transition ramps located there, casually decided to add another half-turn to the already-present 720 air. The Mike McGill Kerwist was the result, a maneuver of such an advanced state that it caused an entire crowd of skaters to literally walk away from the keynole the very first time he pulled it off (on his first try) at Del Mar.

1985 is now the new year to reckon with, drag down, and beat to a pulp. The future state is thrashing down fast, so you had better shave while there are still products, and put your entire self on the so-called "line".

-Garry Davis

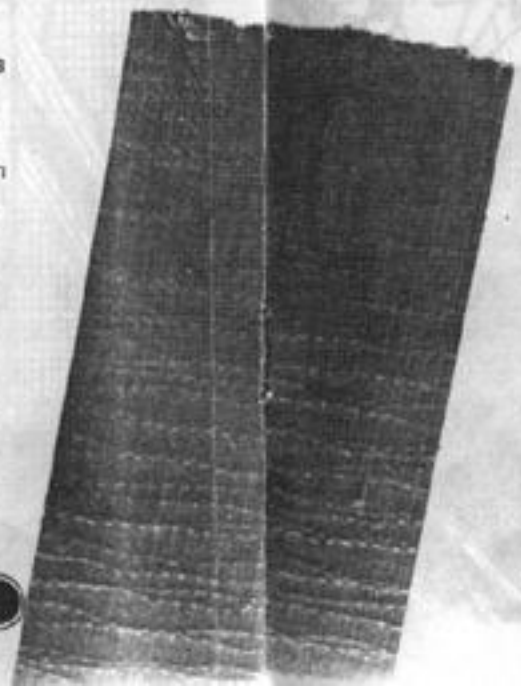


CONTEST OF THE YEAR - TAHOE MASSACRE (LEFT)
STEVE CABALLERO AT HIS OF THE YEAR (RIGHT)
DUCT TAPE - PRODUCT OF THE YEAR (ABOVE)



OF THE YEAR

Vert trick of the year-Ho-Ho plant, D. Wilkes
Curb trick of the year-Who cares?
Bank trick of the year-Who cares?
Freestyle trick of the year-Who knows?
Quote of the year-"Girls. You can't live with them, and that's it."-Bill Hate Danforth
Contest of the year-Tahoe Massacre
Gig of the year-Skate Rock show, Hollywood
Drink of the year-Coca-Cola
New rag of the year-Swank Zine
Ramp of the year-Lance Mountain's new ramp
Worst ramp of the year-Hooney
Movie of the year-Another state of mind
Skateboard scene of the year-Virginia Beach
Blackballed people of the year-Ridgeway, Jinx, GSD, Danforth, etc...
Grafitti of the year-"I only wanted to be loved."-Unknown, on a wall at San Jose State brick banks.
"Amateur" of the year-Jeff Grosso
"Pro" of the year-Steve Cebellero
Dozed park of the year-Colton
Product of the year-Duct tape
Wheel of the year-Rat bone
Deck of the year-Sims Jeff Philipps model
Battered man of the year-Owen Neider, one broken arm, one broken wrist, one broken collar bone, injured fingers, scabs, cuts, headaches, etc...



Mail Grab

Garry,

Something is happening around here. I still can't believe it. First, about 2 weeks ago we had our first session on our halfpipe. Now, two days from this moment Turf skatepark will re-open it's doors! Many of the hard-core locals will be back to shred. Almost like old times, but this is the present eh!

I can see now 18 was a fun year for you, I think. Anyway, one skater is never the same as the next. There is always fun to be had no matter what the age. You man, you keep me going for more and more fun. I see you in the mags and say, hey this guy's over 20! whoa I thought I was old!

You see, many of my skate companions are younger then I, some 14 some 16, none as old as I. Everyone my age either quit years back or moved far away. Thus leaving me alone until these little dudes began to see the fun to be had. I have some pictures here I thought you'd like to see of our fresh halfpipe being skated by my young friend and I.

Live long to skate long
Peter DiAntoni
Mequon, Wisconsin

Garry,

Just got the new Skate Fate. Color cover is so cool. Cooler than Coke itself. Me and Buddy and Todd are building a ramp in Buddy's barn. It's the wood from CLR. D.O. way snow covered along with the rest of this shitty state. Meet real skate chicks. They are fully skaters. Testers/Trackers. They are fully cool cuz they are not into foddin up I got this letter from this clueless fag who says "Sam pain and sex go together" Yeah, right.

Keep stringing up
them shoelaces
HATE
Fairborn, Ohio

P.S. New TWS Street Sheet cool as Coke.

(9) PETER DIANTONI, MEQUON WISCONSIN.

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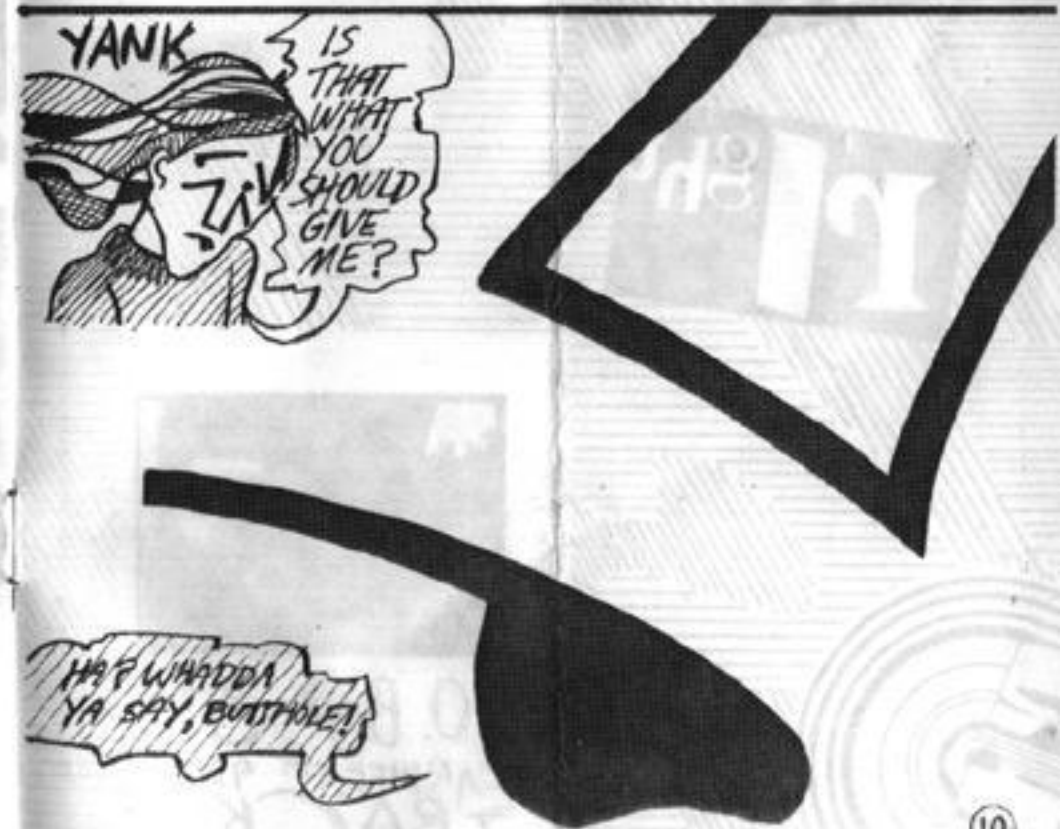

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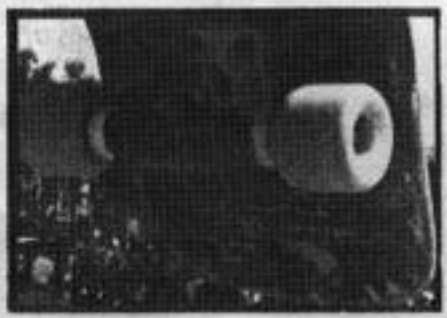

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